



ARGUMENT

Declaration by Author(s) or Proponent(s)

(Elections Code §9600)

"The undersigned author(s) of the:

- ☐ argument in favor of
- ☒ argument against
- ☐ rebuttal to the argument in favor of
- ☐ rebuttal to the argument against

Ballot measure W (letter to be assigned by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters on August 12th) at the Consolidated Municipal Election for the City of Mountain View to be held on November 8, 2016, hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.
(his/her/their)

ARGUMENT/REBUTTAL FILED BY (check any of the following that apply):



City Council

Contact Person's **TYPED** Name: _____
Contact Person's Signature: _____
Title: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
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Bona Fide Association of Citizens or Filers

Name of Association: _____
Principal Officer's **TYPED** Name: _____
Principal Officer's Signature: _____
Title: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____

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Individual voter who is eligible to vote on the measure

TYPED Name: Gary Wesley
Signature of Voter: [Signature]
Address Where You Live: 707 Continental Circle 929, Mtn. View CA 94040
Phone: 408-882-5070 Fax: _____
E-Mail: gary.wesley@yahoo.com

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CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING & NOTE THAT THE LETTER OF MEASURE WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ON AUGUST 12th:

- ☐ Argument in Favor of Measure _____
☒ Argument Against Measure _____
☐ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Measure _____
☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure _____

The signatures of the following persons below will be printed as submitted following the argument or rebuttal.

| SIGNATURE | TYPE NAME as it will appear in the Voter's Information Pamphlet | TYPE TITLE & NAME OF ASSOCIATION (IF APPLICABLE) as it will appear in the Voter's Information Pamphlet | ARE YOU SIGNING ON BEHALF OF AN ASSOCIATION? Yes or No. If no, and you are signing as an individual voter, please provide address of where you live. | DATE |
|-----------------------|--|--|---|----------------|
| 1. <i>[Signature]</i> | <i>Gary Wesley</i> Female __ Male <u>X</u> | <i>Long-term resident</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>8-15-16</i> |
| 2. | Female __ Male __ | | | |
| 3. | Female __ Male __ | | | |
| 4. | Female __ Male __ | | | |
| 5. | Female __ Male __ | | | |

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With every member of the Mountain View City Council (except Lenny Siegel) having been endorsed as a candidate by a landlord-advocacy group, it was no surprise that residential tenants faced with steep rent increases received no significant help from the City Council.

So, starting in April, residents launched an initiative petition (signature) drive and qualified for the November ballot a proposed rent control-just cause eviction law (to become part of the city charter).

In response, the landlord-endorsed City Council majority devised this rent increase "arbitration" ordinance and placed it on the November ballot as a competing measure.

The effect of this additional measure could be to split the votes in support of holding down some residential rents and cause the defeat of the initiative. Some have called the maneuver a "DIRTY TRICK."

Indeed, there is a legal issue about whether the City Council even had the authority to place this proposed ordinance on the city ballot. If not legally authorized, passage of this measure would NOT result in its enactment into law.

If you believe that some restrictions should be placed on raising rents for some existing residential tenants, you should consider voting for the other (initiative) measure on the Mountain View ballot.

EVICTIONS INVITED. The landlord-endorsed City Councilmembers who placed this competing measure on the ballot failed to even outlaw an easy way around even its modest restriction on increasing rents on existing tenants (in covered units) : simply evict tenants instead of raising their rent! At most, a landlord might have to provide some "relocation assistance."

YOU MAY VOTE FOR BOTH CITY BALLOT MEASURES. But no one should be tricked into voting against the initiative in hope that this competing measure might become law and actually help anyone stay in Mountain View.

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